

12 December 2016

Our Ref: RFI 18932

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Patients presenting with burns**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 15 November 2016.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

**L McAree (Miss)
Head of Information Governance &
Directorate Support**

Q1. *How many people have presented at hospitals with burns within your trust in the last three years?*

A1. Please see total figures listed below in Table 1.

Table 1

Attendances for Burns at Trust Emergency Departments from 1 January 2013 – 31 December 2015	
Year	Total
2013	400
2014	463
2015	470
Grand Total	1333

Q2. *What was the severity of the burns? E.G first degree, second degree, third degree.*

A2. The electronic system used by the Trust does not break this information down in relation to severity of the burn.

Q3. *If there are details on where on the body the burns occurred, I would like that detail, also.*

A3. Please see information provided in Table 2.

Q4. *I would like a breakdown of each person's age and sex, please, as well as the cause of the burns, if recorded. E.G open flames, hob, boiling water.*

A4. Please see Table 3 below which has the results broken down by gender and cause of the burns. Table 4 below provides results broken down by age ranges and cause of the burns.

Q5. *I would also like to know if the burns were accidental, self-inflicted or intentionally inflicted by a third party.*

A5. Please see response in Table 5 below in relation to A&E attendances for burns.

Q6. *Could you list where the burns occurred? E.G at home, in the work place?*

A6. Please see Table 5.

Table 2

Attendances for Burns at Trust Emergency Departments from 1 January 2013 – 31 December 2015 Split by body area				
	Year			
Body area	2013	2014	2015	Total
Arm	88	114	92	294
Back	6	4	2	12
Bottom	1	1	1	3
Chest	9	5	11	25
Ear	1			1
Eye	2	5	4	11
Face	8	14	10	32
Feet	26	45	41	112
Finger	32	25	29	86
Groin	2		1	3
Hand	144	162	171	477
Head	5	2	9	16
Knee	1	1	2	4
Leg	35	48	58	141
Mouth	1		1	2
Neck	2	6	3	11
Shoulder	3	2	1	6
Torso	13	17	21	51
Unknown	21	12	13	46
Grand Total	400	463	470	1333

Table 3

Attendances for Burns at Trust Emergency Departments from 1 January 2013 – 31 December 2015 Split by sex and cause										
Cause	Female					Male				Grand Total
	2013	2014	2015	Total		2013	2014	2015	Total	
Acid	1	1	1	3		1	1		2	5
Aerosol						1		1	2	2
Airbag		1		1		1			1	2
BBQ	1			1			1		1	2
Beauty product	1		2	3		1			1	4
Bleach		1	2	3			1		1	4
Cement						1	2	4	7	7
Chemical	3	2	4	9		4	2	3	9	18
Cigarette			1	1		1	1		2	3
Cooker	6	14	12	32		11	6	10	27	59
Fire	2	2	3	7		3	6	6	15	22
Firework		1		1		1	1	1	3	4
Food	8	8	13	29		6	4	4	14	43
Gas						2		1	3	3
Glass							1		1	1
Glue	1			1				1	1	2
Hair device	3	3	3	9		2	1	5	8	17
Heat Pad	1		2	3		1			1	4
heater								1	1	1
Iron	1	5	1	7		2	2	1	5	12
Lamp	1			1		1		1	2	3
Lighter		1		1			1		1	2

metal	4	5	4	13		3	11	4	18	31
Oil	8	17	12	37		5	9	9	23	60
Petrol	1			1		2	1	2	5	6
Plastic			1	1				1	1	2
Sand		1		1			1		1	2
Shoe			1	1						1
Soldering Iron							1	1	2	2
Steam	2	7	5	14		2	3	4	9	23
Sunburn	6	3	1	10		4	3	4	11	21
Torch								1	1	1
Treadmill			1	1						1
Unknown	137	142	141	420		89	109	94	292	712
Vacumn Cleaner		1		1						1
Water	42	41	50	133		24	37	49	110	243
Wax	2	2	2	6		1			1	7
Grand Total	231	258	262	751		169	205	208	582	1333

Table 4

Attendances for Burns at Trust Emergency Departments from 1 January 2013 – 31 December 2015 Split by Age and cause																		
2013	Age Band																	Grand Total
	0-5	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	6-10	61-65	66-70	71-75	76-80	>81	
Acid						1								1				2
Aerosol				1														1
Airbag							1											1
BBQ	1																	1
Beauty product				1									1					2
Cement						1												1
Chemical					1		2	1	1	1					1			7
Cigarette	1																	1
Cooker	12	1	1		1	1											1	17
Fire	1		1				1				1	1						5
Firework			1															1
Food	3		2	1	3		3		1							1		14
Gas									2									2
Glue		1																1
Hair device	4			1														5
Heat Pad										1						1		2
Iron	2						1											3
Lamp	2																	2
metal	1			2			1		2	1								7
Oil			2	1		3	2		3	2								13
Petrol								1					2					3
Steam				1				2						1				4
Sunburn	1		3	1	3		1						1					10

Unknown	23	8	17	16	15	18	21	17	12	21	17	3	10	14	9	1	4	226
Water	19	1	6	10	3	8	3		6	3	2	2	1				2	66
Wax								2	1									3
Total	70	11	33	35	26	32	36	23	28	29	20	6	15	16	10	3	7	400
2014	0-5	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	6-10	61-65	66-70	71-75	76-80	>81	Grand Total
Acid				1		1												2
Airbag			1															1
BBQ			1															1
Bleach	1										1							2
Cement					1			1										2
Chemical				2		1				1								4
Cigarette				1														1
Cooker	7		3	1	3	2		3	1									20
Fire	1		1	1	1		2				1		1					8
Firework	1				1													2
Food	4		1	1	1			2	1	1	1							12
Glass	1																	1
Hair device	2		1	1														4
Iron	5									1			1					7
Lighter	1										1							2
metal	5		2			4	2		2	1								16
Oil	1		3	2	5	4		1	3	2	2		1			1	1	26
Petrol						1												1
Sand					2													2
Soldering Iron							1											1
Steam			2			2	2			1		2		1				10
Sunburn				2						1	1		1	1				6

Unknown	28	24	27	20	20	14	15	17	17	11	19	7	8	7	8	3	6	251
Vacumn Cleaner															1			1
Water	14	3	7	5	6	5	7	3	5	6	5	4	4		3	1		78
Wax				2														2
Total	71	27	49	39	40	34	29	27	29	25	31	13	16	9	12	5	7	463
2015	0-5	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	6-10	61-65	66-70	71-75	76-80	>81	Grand Total
Acid				1														1
Aerosol									1									1
Beauty product											1			1				2
Bleach			1		1													2
Cement				1	1									2				4
Chemical								1	2	1					2		1	7
Cigarette			1															1
Cooker	12	2					1		2	1		2		2				22
Fire	3	1		1			1	1							2			9
Firework			1															1
Food	2			4	4	2			1	2		2						17
Gas																1		1
Glue								1										1
Hair device	5	1			1	1												8
Heat Pad										1							1	2
heater															1			1
Iron	1										1							2
Lamp												1						1
metal	2						1		2			1	2					8
Oil			4	1	3	3	2	4		2				1			1	21
Petrol			1	1														2

Plastic	1														1			2
Shoe												1						1
Soldering Iron								1										1
Steam			1		1	1	1	1		2	1		1					9
Sunburn						1	1			1			1	1				5
Torch															1			1
Treadmill				1														1
Unknown	28	9	24	17	16	16	16	17	15	17	19	6	4	11	8	5	7	235
Water	28	4	11	9	6	5	5	6	3	6	1	4	5		2	1	3	99
Wax					1					1								2
Total	82	17	44	36	34	29	28	32	26	34	23	17	13	18	17	7	13	470
Grand Total	223	55	126	110	100	95	93	82	83	88	74	36	44	43	39	15	27	1333

Table 5

Attendances for Burns at Trust Emergency Departments from 1 January 2013 – 31 December 2015 by incident type				
Incident Type Description	Year			Grand Total
	2013	2014	2015	
Alleged Assault			1	1
Educational Estab.	2	6	4	12
Home Accident	264	285	273	822
Non-Trauma Case	20	37	44	101
Other Trauma	5	18	25	48
Public Place Acc.	34	24	31	89
Road Traffic Acc.	1	1		2
Self Harm			1	1
Work Accident	74	92	91	257
Grand Total	400	463	470	1333